Oil Refinery in Maharashtra

3639. PROF. ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made an extensive survey for setting up of an oil refinery in Maharashtra: and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the outcome therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (d) Based on the supply demand projections, there is a proposal under the consideration of government for setting up a 6 MTPA capacity grass not refinery in Western India.

Strike by workers of Indian Airlines

3640. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the workers in the Indian Airlines have resorted to a token strike on July 11, 1991:

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the details of their demands; and

(c) the action taken by the Government to meet the demands and to avert such strikes in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) There was no token strike on 11.7.1991. Presumably, the question relates to 11.7.1990 when five Unions of Indian Airlines had resorted to a token strike.

(b) The demands of the Unions were:

(i) An immediate dialogue should be initiated with the Unions/associations jointly to resolve the crisis.

(ii) A firm decision should be taken immediately on operation of A-30 aircraft and pending such decision, Indian Airlines should not taken on wet-lease aircraft from any foreign agency.

(iii) Private operators must be refrained from undertaking commercial air transportation in India.

(iv) Vayudoot should be permitted to operate only feeder routes and it should not wet-lease aircraft from foreign airlines.

(v) Authority as per the Air Corporations Act, 1953 should be restored to Indian Airlines Management to ensure effective functioning of the airline.

(c)

(i) The A-320 aircraft had subsequently been re-inducted.

(ii) As regards private sector participation in domestic air services, the policy of the Government was fully explained to the representatives of the Unions. It was made clear to them that while Indian Airlines would receive all support from the Government and would obviously be the dominant domestic carrier in the foreseeable future, Government were committed to encourage and liberalise private sector participation in domestic air services.

(iii) As regards Vayudoot, it was made clear that Vayudoot was entitled to take its own decision in the matter. However, Vayudoot has on its own discontinued wet leasing of air-craft from foreign airlines since September, 1990.

(iv) The authority as per the Air corporations Act, 1953 is with Indian Airlines.

Wheel Axle Plant at Rourkela

3641. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for setting up of a Wheel Axle plant at Rourkela in Orissa;

(b) whether the Rites (Rail India Technical and Economic Service) has given a favourable report in setting up this plant at Rourkela; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise